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Clipping from Belgian newspaper "La Derniere Heure" (The Last Hour) of February 12, 1961.

With photocopies as proof, a Cuban publication declares:

THE TRUE STORY ABOUT THE "SANTA-MARIA" STARTS AT LIEGEThis Was Only a Preliminary Step in a Vast Plan to Conquer Angola

Havana, February 11. - The affair of the "Santa-Maria" was only a preliminary step in the realization of a vast plan which comprised the conquest of Angola and the organizing of insurrections on the Iberian Peninsula, the Cuban publication "Bohemia" declares. Furthermore, this periodical relates the circumstances under which this plan was conceived as well as the reasons for its failure.

Hereinafter, that which according to "Bohemia" was the "true affair" of the "Santa-Maria." (S)

The Affair Starts In Liege in 1960

It started in 1960 when Interpol, in search of the members of a terrorist anti-Franco network, had ELOY (sic) GUTTIEREZ (sic) MENOYO, "hero of the Cuban Army," arrested.

While in prison, MENOYO made the acquaintance of some members of "drill" (directoire iberique de liberation, or, Iberian Directorate of Liberation) and promised them the assistance of commandos, trained in Cuba, for the "liberation" of the Iberian Peninsula.

First Step: Take Possession of "Santa Maria"

A scheme was then conceived whose first step consisted of taking possession of the Portuguese steamer "Santa-Maria." The latter, once in the hands of "drill," was to disembark its passengers in Cuba and embark the commandos onto it.

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Thereupon, the steamer was to head for Angola and conquer this territory. Parallel with this, instructions were to be given to guerrillas in Spain to organize a general uprising there.

A Double Agent

In the meantime, MENOYO revealed himself to be a double agent. On the way back to Cuba, he contacted, in Madrid, OTTO SKORZENY, the man who had liberated MUSSOLINI. No precise details, however, are furnished about this encounter.

(S) Once in Cuba, MENOYO would wait for the first part of the plan, the seizure of the "Santa-Maria," to be realized before fleeing to the United States with nineteen of his companions on board three ship's boats. We presume that he was eager to inform the American authorities as to the position of the steamer which he knew and which permitted American authorities to find it again. (S)

Treason

Leaders of "drill" in Havana hastened to cable to Captain "GALVAO," informing him of MENOYO's treason. Simultaneously, orders were issued to the Spanish guerrillas to abandon their insurrection plans.

"Bohemia," which published photocopies of these telegrams, adds that MENOYO and his companions are now interned by American immigration authorities in the State of Texas where an investigation of this mysterious affair is being conducted.
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